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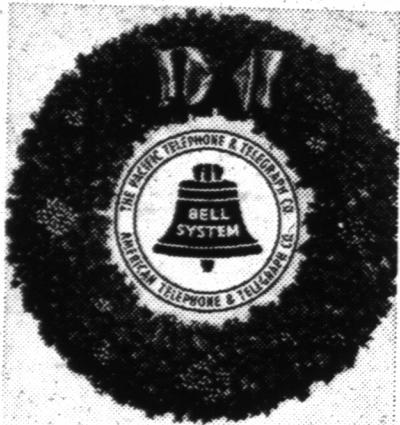


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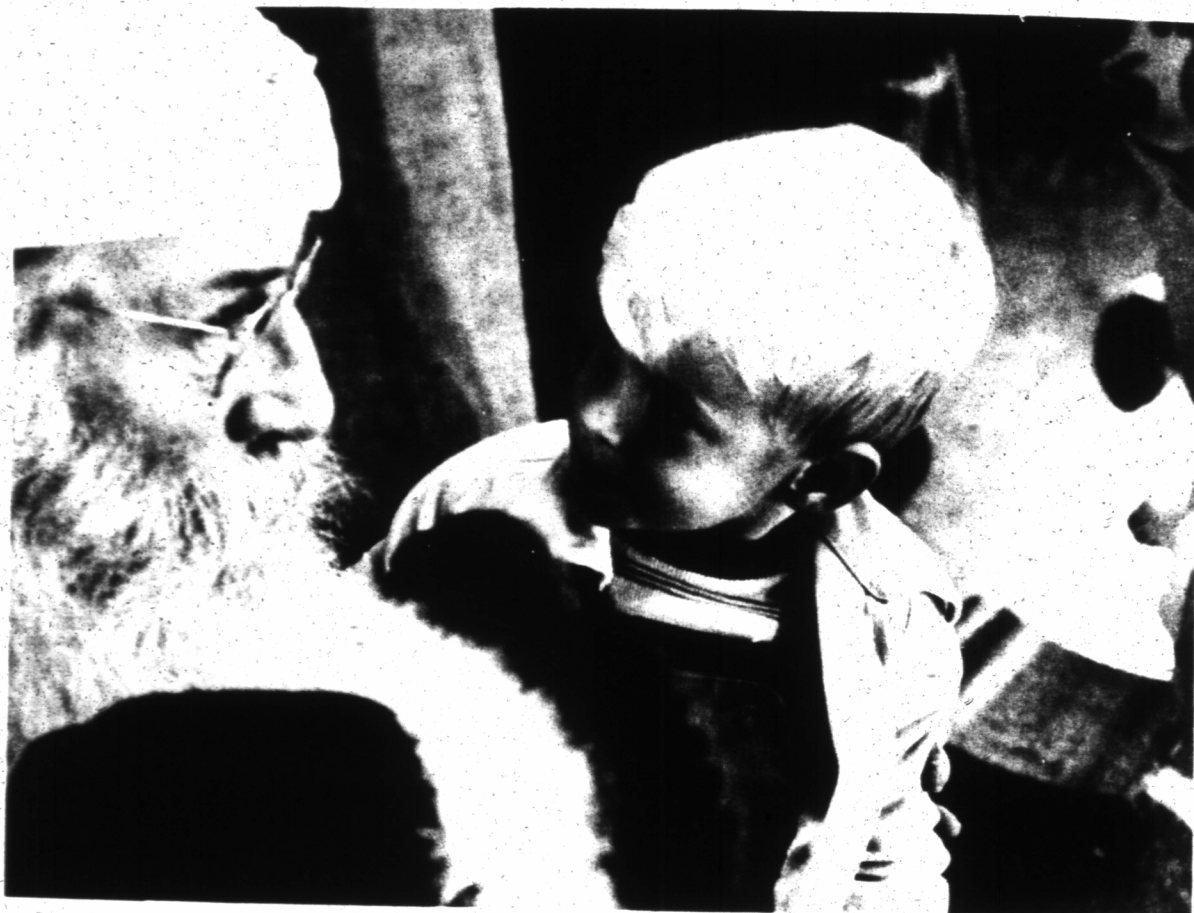
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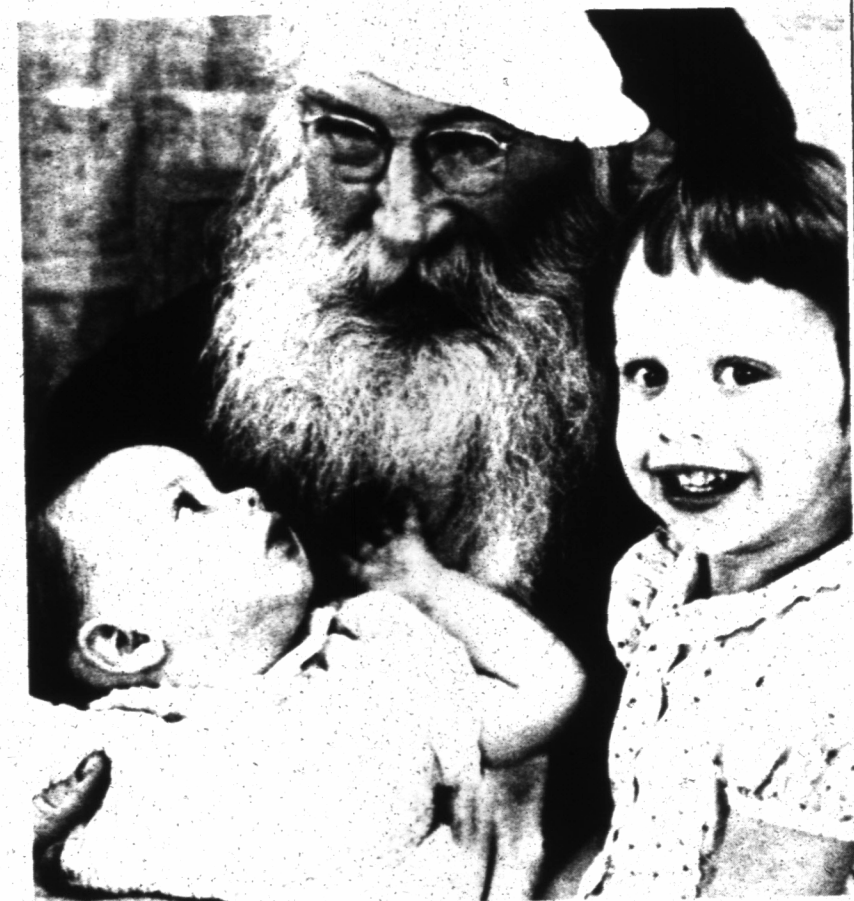


CHRISTMAS TIME is all about children, so here are some more pictures of youngsters calling on Santa Claus. Some, like the one above, were taken at Toy Town where Santa's helper, J. C. McPheeters still wears beard he grew for Crescent City Centennial five years ago.



WILD WEST APPROACH on Santa was used by Christopher Bailey (above) 6, of North Bay View, son of an Army officer. Girls, like the one at left visiting Holman's Santa, and Victoria Lucido (below) of Ord Terrace, were often shy in the presence of St. Nick's representative.





THERE WERE TEARS TOO, but they dried up quickly when Santa handed out candy (top picture). Baby Christina Lucido, with sister Victoria (above), wasn't scared of Santa at all, and the little girl below, already conscious of her prerogatives as a member of the fair sex, gave Santa list a of orders that had no two ways about it.



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A TRIP TO DALLAS

A SHORT STORY
By JOHN McPARTLAND

I was selling Auburn automobiles in Amarillo that summer and it was hard going. Anything in the summer there would be hard going. Panhandle summers are mean, and I don't suppose twenty-odd years have changed them.

My boss ran the garage and that was the big part of his business, but he figured the best way for his dude automobile salesman to sell Auburns was to light out every time a new oil lease was reported. The reporting was done mostly by big talking in the lobby of the Stockmen's Hotel, or over at Pop Davis' real estate and land title office.

There were maybe twenty of us selling cars in Amarillo that season and we all schemed ways of getting to a prospect first. It was worse than playing low-ball stud or red dog for excitements and disappointments and making money.

Our prospects were all kind of sudden. What I mean is that on Thursday the family might be no-account, living in a beat-up old dog-run house, with a little farm that looked lonesome for water and dead-tired of sun. But by Saturday morning all twenty of us would be in the weeds in front of the farm house, wiping the dust off our demonstrators and tipping our hats to everything female on the place.

Between Thursady and Saturday

what had happened would be that the young engineers in their knee-high laced boots would have given the word to the contract department and the stiff-collar-and-briefcase gentlemen would have come down with their lease papers and bright orange Parker fountain pens. There would be a lot of wiping of faces with apron bottoms and bandanna handkerchiefs, and a lot of going out to the summer kitchen lean-to to talk, and then this no-account family might have a few hundred dollars cash money. What we all went out for, as soon as we heard about the deal at the Stockmen's lobby, or under the sidewalk roof in front of the land title office, was to get ahold of that money.

In a kind of guarded way we automobile salesmen used to exchange ideas on the best way of getting ahold of this lease money, while we stood around and wiped the dust off our pointed-toe shoes on the backs of our pant-legs, fanning ourselves with our straw hats, and smoking cigarettes.

The Studebaker man was dead-sure about selling the missus first, and the Paige, Jewett, and Jordan Line Eight fellows went in mostly for three-for-two-bit cigars and new stag stories. Myself, I was catch-as-catch can. We had two Auburns--a sporty King-of-the-Hill roadster that I'd take out if there were some young bucks in

the family and if I could sneak it away from the boss' kid; and something that looked like a Pecos & Northern Texas boxcar with windows. This was the longest car in America, maybe in the whole world, the Auburn sedan on a 188-inch wheelbase. It was a kind of chocolate brown with a stripe around it, and the best we could do was sort of nose it into our show room, with the rear sticking out in the shop and getting in Gus' way when he was fixing a busted spring on some car.

That was what we had mostly in the shop, busted springs. The oil boom was on, and everybody was in a big hurry, and the roads weren't fit for much more than jackrabbits, but there'd be pipe trucks and rigging trucks and salesmen from Kansas City and Fort Worth, and lots of crazy, oil-rich kids.

There were only about half-a-dozen car agencies in town, but there was enough brand new money pouring up out of the ground to keep the whole twenty of us high-tailing around all day.

It was just the beginning of summer when we all piled out over a road that wasn't no more than wobbly wagon-tracks toward Otto Grottstrosser's farm. It was a good piece out and I'd have made it first, like I was hoping to, if I hadn't taken two or three wrong turns and got lost. As it was I got

there last, rolling over the hard-pan in front of the Grottstrosser place like an ocean liner docking.

It wasn't much of a looking place. In those days the Panhandle was a back-end of nowhere in a lot of ways, with the stockmen doing fair and the farmers doing poorly until the oil came in. But this Grottstrosser place was far back toward the last ones on the sow.

A lot of wild-looking kids were peering from behind a corner of the house, and from back of the privy--the sorriest looking privy I ever saw, and there were some prizes around there back then.

Grottstrosser was easy to find. He was standing on the hard packed dirt in the dog-run--that's the roofed-over open place between the two rooms that made up a farm house like his--and looking down at the four or five salesmen that were still hanging around. All you could see of his face were his eyes, the rest was whiskers, yellowish and tobacco-juicy. He was wearing some jeans that looked like they were made out of leather because the cloth didn't show at all anymore.

Behind him were three or four of his bigger kids, all barefooted and mean-looking. Mrs. Grottstrosser was in an old, seat-sprung rocker out in the sunlight and dust. She was wide, a good deal wider than the chair-bottom or the sides,



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Guess It's Called a Safety "Drive"

Whitey Fisher, from the State Motor Vehicle Department, dropped by to discuss some of our local traffic problems.

"Up at Center Junction," Whitey says, "they've got a new sign that really slows down the traffic going through town."

"The sign says, 'At 25 miles an hour, you can drive through Center Junction in 2½ minutes!' It slows people down too--some just take it easy to check on that 2½ minutes, I guess. Hasn't even been a dented fender since that sign went up."

From where I sit, it wasn't what the sign said, but the way it was said. People are usually pretty understanding if they understand what you mean. It's the same way with differences of opinion. Perhaps your neighbor prefers a temperate glass of beer, and you would choose buttermilk. What I'd like to see is for all of us to "slow down," talk it out, and be respectful of our neighbor's rights.

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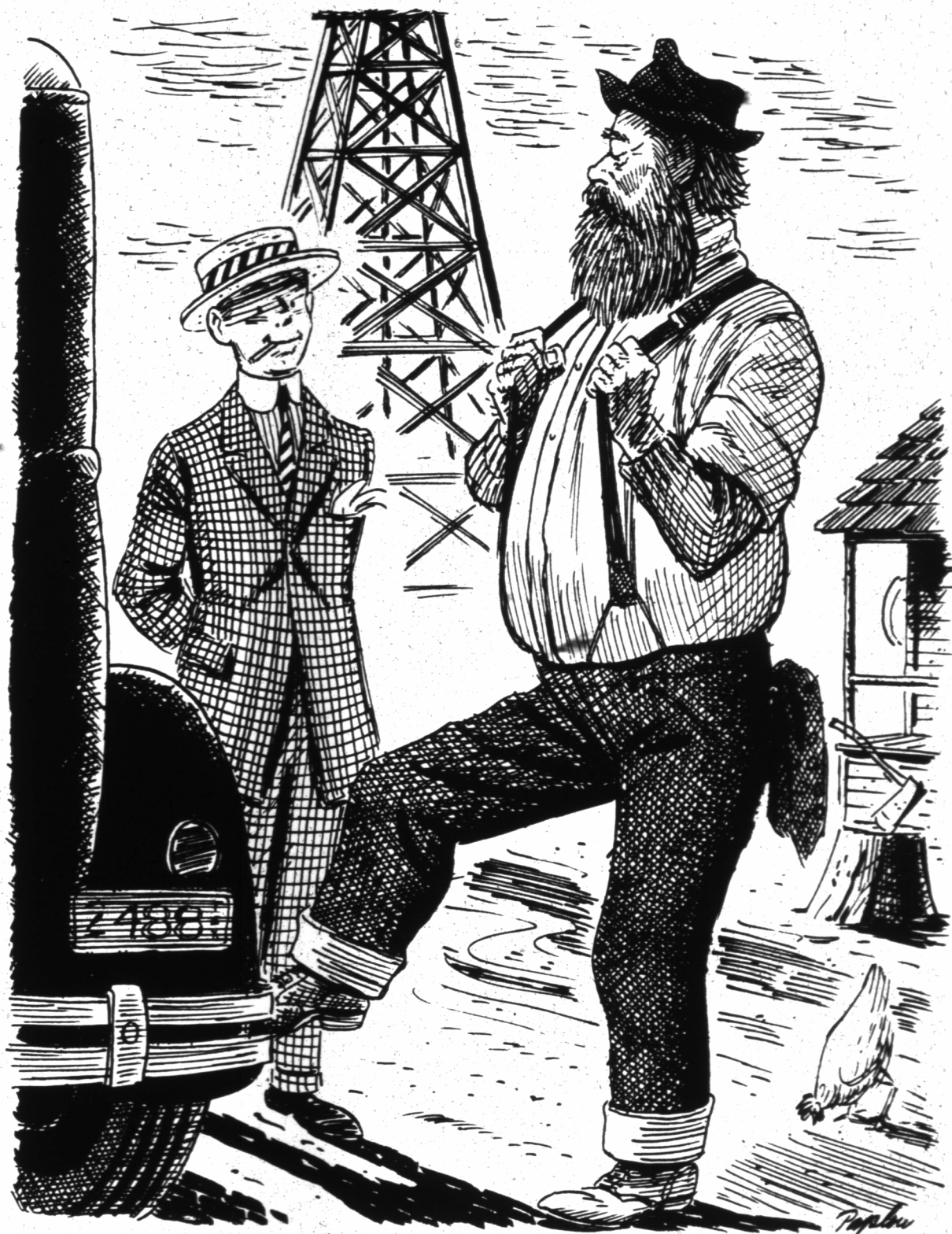
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Around two-hundred-fifty pounds, with a moustache, a pipe, and beady, unwinking black eyes. Maybe a Creek or Choctaw.

The next thing I noticed was that Grotstrosser was looking at the 188-inch Auburn, standing there on the hard-pan and stretching way back.

"Yah," he said, and he moved toward it like a six-foot-four grizzly bear on its hind legs, scattering the other salesmen away from him as we walked. He put his hand on the radiator ornament, bending it a little, and he patted the hood once. I could see, from the way it reflected the sunshine,

that it wasn't quite true anymore. Then he showed that he had some contact with civilization—he kicked the tires. He seemed to be the only one in the Grotstrosser family that wore shoes.

"Yah," he said again, and I'd made a deal.

A good many of these lease deals never worked out. Sometimes Humble, or Magnolia, or (Turn page)

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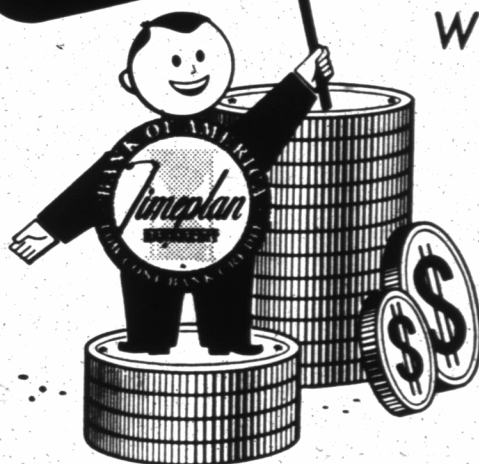
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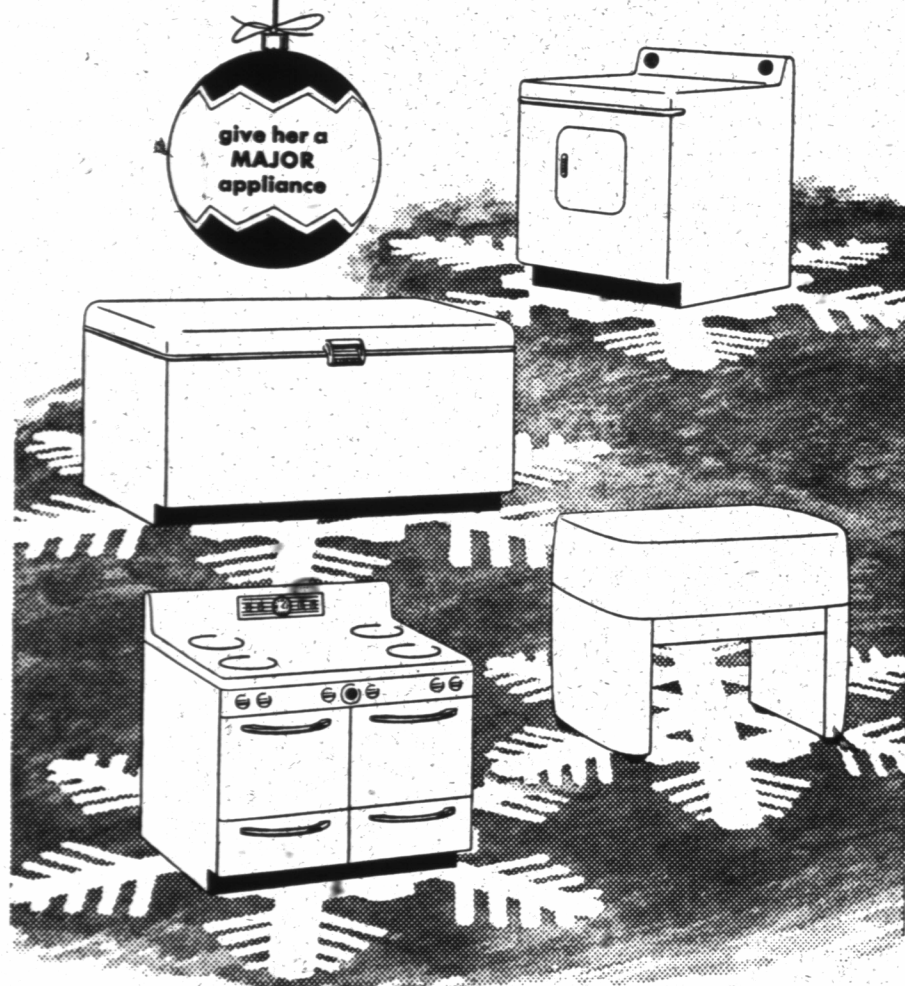
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whoever the oil company was, never got around to drilling, and sometimes they drilled and didn't do anything but wear out a mess of tools. After awhile the shiny new car would get to look like the rest of the place, rusty, with broken windows, and the springs sticking out of the horsehair in the upholstery.

But the Grottstrosser lease was different. Early in August the Grottstrosser #1 came in for near four thousand barrels of good gravity crude. When the news hit Amarillo everybody with something to sell was high-tailing out, including me.

The old wagon tracks were runted deep now, what with the pipe trucks chewing into them all day long. When I got to the Grottstrosser place it sure was a different kind of mess than the last time. A long way off you could smell the satly-butter smell of crude, and you could see the smashed derrick while you were still bouncing along in the parade of cars that must have looked like a five-mile tin snake from up above.

They'd capped the well, but everything for a good piece around was covered with crude, and the casing trucks were bogged like elephants in a tar-pit.

While I'd been wheeling the King-of-the-Hill Auburn roadster toward Grottstrosser's I tried to guess what the old man was worth now. His place would sprout a crop of derricks, and easy ten thousand a day or better in dollars.

I had to stop a long way from the house, and slosh through the oil-slick dust. Getting to the old man was going to be like getting to a rich widow at a lodge picnic.

This was one of the biggest strikes in the Panhandle, and Grottstrosser owned better than eighty acres of this miserable, worthless looking land. Every time one of the salesmen got foot-wearied or sun-touched, or sick of sliding in oil, he'd look at the mucking gang trying to build sumps big enough to handle four thousand barrels of oil a day and more, and towards the long row of pipe trucks, springs flat and axle-down in the mud that always gets churned up near a rig, and he'd head back toward old man Grottstrosser like a hound smelling coon.

Mrs. Grottstrosser had switched over from a pipe to Brown's Mule plug, and she kept a good space clear around her seat-sprung rocking chair with some placed shots whenever a salesman edged too close to suit her. She seemed to have about a ten-foot range, the way it looked.

The Grottstrosser kids, ranging down from the big, mean-looking ones to the ones in raggedy shirts and bare bottoms, were running around and raising hell. I guess they'd got kind of used to strangers, what with the rig crew and the cat-skinners and all around. From what I could hear they'd picked up a good bit of their talk, too. All the Grottstrosser kids, male and female, had big voices with a lot of carrying power.

There seemed to be some kind of commotion in the crowd milling around in front of the house, and the salesmen in line at the privy all turned to watch it. What it was was old man Grottstrosser walking toward me.

When we had signed up the papers, where I got the lease-rights check and he got the 188-inch sedan and a few dollars back, he and I had got along pretty good. He didn't have much to say, and I was too nervous to do much talking, so the way it went had pleased him. One of the things that had made me nervous was that the second or third biggest of the mean-looking kids had wanted to rattle me, kind of in fun and because he didn't have much else destructive to do that afternoon. The old man had flattened the youngster with a back-hand before much more than a sprained shoulder had happened to me.

The old man put one of his bear-paws on me, and his whiskers wiggled a little into what I hoped was a smile, and he edged me toward the house, bellowing at his kids meanwhile. When he bellowed they came arunning.

He got me and all the kids into the kitchen, which was the big room. A couple of the female children had been frying sow-belly and grits on the wood-fired stove, but he made them line up with the rest. I didn't count the Grottstrosser children, but there were upwards of a dozen.

"I'm fixin' to send one of these young-uns to school," he said. He didn't have any German accent, it was just a kind of rumble accent. "Pick out the likely one."

Grottstrosser seemed to have a high opinion of me. Maybe he thought the salesman with the biggest car was the high-class man.

I looked the lot over and settled on one of the weedy ones, a boy that seemed bright-looking.

"Yah," said Grottstrosser. "Tomorrow you go to school."

Years later I heard that the boy had made out mighty well, going to the legislature at Austin.

The whiskers turned toward me again. "You a city fellow?"

"Sort of," I said. I'd been

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WOMEN WHO DO THINGS. By BARBARA HALL

McCARTHY--COOK BOOKS PAY



An expert on cooking who hails the almighty can-opener as the greatest gadget in the kitchen is bound to be a hit with busy American housewives.

Marguerite McCarthy, the expert, is definitely a hit--her first book, "The Cook is in the Parlor", published by Little, Brown & Co. in 1949, is still bringing in royalties. "Cook" was followed a few years later by "Aunt Ella's Cook Book", and in September, 1954, Scribners published Mrs. McCarthy's latest, "The Queen is in the Kitchen."

"Anyone," says Mrs. McCarthy, "who can open a can and light a stove can cook--and can be a good cook."

Mrs. McCarthy is all for the quick and easy methods of cooking. "No getting up at 6 o'clock in the morning for me!" she says. "If I'm going to serve soup to my guests, I'll reach for a can on the shelf, add the right spices or herbs, and the soup will be just as good as if I'd slaved over a stove all day."

As the titles indicate, her "Cook" and "Queen" are woman-savers. They stress organization--having everything ready so that there's no fussing at the last minute. With each recipe there is a complete menu.

Each of the books contains a good deal of "chit-chat" which tells a story or sets the stage for what is to follow.

Mrs. McCarthy is most enthusiastic about gadgets--and using them. "I really wrote the books," she says, "in order to tell people what to do with the gadgets I gave them, or to tell them what I do with the gadgets they gave me."

Favorite gadget in the McCarthy kitchen is a portable electric broiler which can be used to broil steaks, toast buns or heat plates.

Mrs. McCarthy's kitchen, incidentally, is small--7 x 7--with wood counters (treated for hot-plates) and loads and loads of cupboards and drawers. She supervised the building of her kitchen and has incorporated many of her own ideas for spacesavers, such as a bin for paper bags on the inside of a swinging door. The kitchen, and much of the house, is gaily wall-papered, and there's a plate glass bolted by the stove to take care of spattering.

Her house at Mountain View and 8th, which was completed just a few months ago, is her main interest right now, and she's still unpacking things and getting them

in order. Each corner of the house is an expression of Mrs. McCarthy's personality. She's an enthusiastic gardener, and says, "This will be the first garden that's really mine, and not some gardener's! I don't have to plant what he wants, but what I want!"

Marguerite McCarthy has been around Carmel for two years now. She raised her family of four children near Los Angeles--most of their time was spent at a ranch in

Antelope Valley. She still spends her summers at her place in New Hampshire, loves New England, says, "I think older women should remain fluid." Now with thirteen grandchildren and three sons-in-law to whom she is "devoted", she feels very wealthy indeed.

Although Mrs. McCarthy has a piece of non-fiction which she's thinking now of turning into fiction, she feels that cook-books are more profitable to write, as they don't go out of style after the first season. "Unless, of course, you write a best-seller!" Proceeds from her books give her the "frosting on my cake." Or, she amends, "better say the but-

ter on my bread!"

"Writing a cookbook", Mrs. McCarthy insists, "is not an easy job. It's like balancing a check-book!" She rewrote "Queen" eight times, figures it takes her two years to write a book. "Once I get started writing, I don't shilly-shally about it. I have a regular time to work, and spends a certain number of hours a day at it."

She gets many of her recipes from other people who, she says, "just hand them to you when they find out you're writing a cook book!" Often she'll change the recipe slightly when she tries it

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CHRISTMAS TREE IS UP AGAIN AT SADES

Through the years, occasional memories stand out, among them the child's Christmas tree, sparkling with a thousand treasures, frosted with snow and perfectly made, like a great toy.

Just such a tree is the one at SADE'S this year. Really a sight to see with all its antique ornaments, tiny chariots, fruits, figures and stars, it stands tall and straight, without a single strand of tinfoil or a visible light to spoil its perfect beauty. This is a gift to the village that has become a tradition, recreating each Christmas the enchantment of the season.

Late in the afternoon, when the lights come on, silhouetting the peaked roofs of the Golden Bough Court, which look so much like a setting for Hansel and Gretel, all decked in Holiday finery, drop in and sit by the fire at SADE'S with a spicy hot buttered rum and a snack from the tray of hot hors d'oeuvres.

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LETTERS TO SANTA--This is the time of year the Peninsula Post Offices are flooded with what they call "Ah wanta" mail. It comes in a deluge and it is all addressed to the North Pole.

Usually the contents of these letters read, "I wanta doll, I wanta gun, I wanta boat, I wanta this or I wanta that."

And the requests go to the nursery school set's favorite pin-up, Santa Claus.

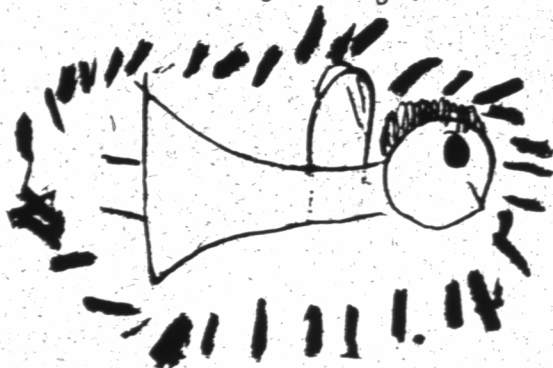
Written in literary styles ranging from painstaking English to hieroglyphics, the letters from Peninsula children reflect the practical and impractical, dreams and realities of all men and the times in which we live.

Sharon writes in a hand that sags in the middle and runs down on the end. "I would like a bike and an airplane that runs and a train that is small and a walking doll and a slide." Sharon is naturally confident. She says at the end, "Thank you Santa Claus."

A letter from Nancy starts with the heading: "I want a" and then follows a three-page list. "P.S.," says Nancy, "if you don't have all these things it will be okay."

The undying faith in Santa Claus' abilities is shown by Danny who wants a "Flying Saucer". As an afterthought, probably with some space travel in mind, Danny asks for a compass. His brother, Edward, not to be left standing about on this old earth, also asks for a Flying Saucer, but he throws in a practical note after his signature. "Please bring Daddy an electric razor."

The daughter of a Carmel contractor wants "A English raser and a Taylor-Tot." She also says, "I am trying to be good" and illustrates the fact with a drawing of an angel.



Rickey's mother got into the act to request, "A new bathrobe and slippers and a new pair of tennis shoes, size 9-1/2." And in a large hand, painstakingly correct and shaky on the capitals, Rickey writes, "And a Golden Trumpet."

Billy is willing to let Santa Claus do the shopping and he says, in letters two inches high, "Thank you for last Christmas. I am a good boy."

Amie is poetic and plays on Santa's appreciation of the finer things. On a large sheet of paper she says, "I want a truck and a little duck."

And there are a few letters which the post office employees open, read, and which make them wish that they had the unlimited powers of a Santa Claus. One said, "Please make mommy better."

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AND THEN SPEAKING of post offices, there was the gal that was greetin' and totin' t'other day at the p.o. who said, "Christmas always tastes like glue."

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JUST CALL HIM MISTER-- Overheard at a Pebble Beach party was lady who said-- "If my husband makes Brigadier General this year, we'll retire here..... Otherwise, we'll go to Southern California."

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TEN CENTS WORTH--Carmel Cartoonist Bill O'Malley and wife, Ada, will leave for a three-months European vacation in February. Plan to go on Norwegian freighter--Ought to be a lot of material there.....Movie Actress Greer Garson, in town last week vacationing from latest film in her mother's Pebble Beach home. Spent time shopping and addressing Xmas cards to friends, "or at least I should hope they are." After being addressed and shipped south in bulk, Greer's greetings will be enveloped and processed for individual mailing by Hollywood secretary.....Carmel Artist Jay Hannah back from Paris, now in New York.....Paul Rink, Big Sur, sold story to Esquire last week, and Big Sur Poet Eric Barker also sold several poems to Atlantic Monthly and the Saturday Review.....

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CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS - NAVY PAGEANT

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THE HARASSED O. D. at the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School Sunday night had a new problem to cope with: nearly 800 youngsters, all completely oblivious to military discipline, overran his domain and occupied it. They did not budge until each and every one of them had exacted his due from the school's Santa Claus, a young anonymous lieutenant in Christmas uniform.

Occasion for this children's occupation was the third annual Children's Christmas Pageant, carefully organized and staged in the school's spanking new auditorium by Mrs. Robert J. Greenway and Mrs. Charles S. Rauch.

Eighty-six Navy youngsters, including the three "carolers" in white in the picture at right, participated in the presentation of the Christmas story.

More pictures on the next page.



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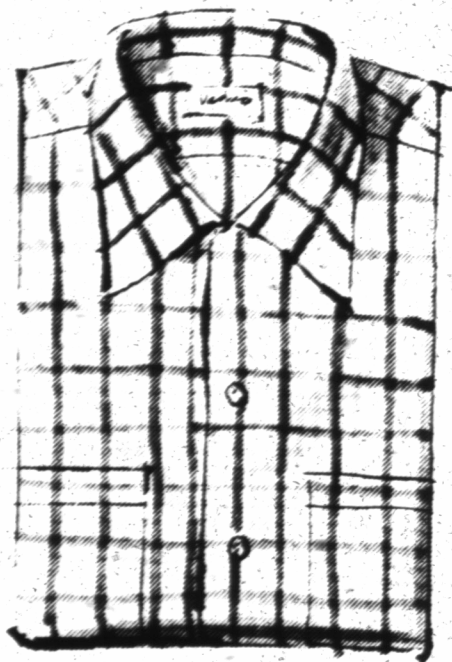
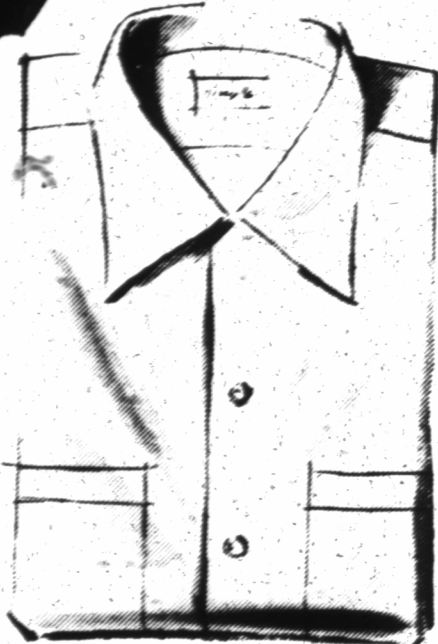
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SANTA CLAUS VISIT followed pageant. Top left, Barbara Parks, daughter of Lt. W. L. Parks, talks with her mother before getting in line for presentation. Bottom right, George Veling climbed on Daddy's shoulder to get advance view of Santa Claus.



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PARCELS PILE UP at the Carmel Post Office. Postmaster Fred Mylar surveys the record load.



NEW TOYS are previewed in a Monterey store by Tom and Duane Matteson.

SPECIAL CREDITS

SPECIAL CREDITS-- Carmel Cartoonist and Illustrator Bob Paplow took time out this biweek from his busy schedule of turning out work for the major national magazines to do several special illustrating jobs for this publication.

Among them are the fine illustrations of " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas", the illustration for John McPartland's story "A Trip to Dallas", and the Spectator's cover....

Pacific Grove Author John McPartland is the author of the unusual narrative short story, "A Trip to Dallas", in this issue. McPartland, who turns out two fiction books a year on contract for Gold Medal, in addition to selling his "Trip to Dallas" to us this week, sold a novellette to Argosy....

The short story, "Bloom, a Christmas Tale", was written by staff writer Stuart James. The illustrations were done by his Artist Wife Louise James.

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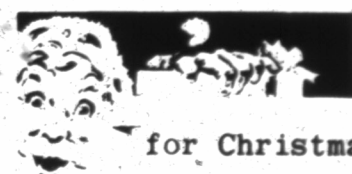
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P.G. has a MRS. Santa Claus



YOUNGSTERS CROWDED around Mrs. Santa Claus (left), among them Donald Partridge, Jan Hunter, Debbie Noble. Presents at party included toy make-up kits. Mrs. Ed Hunter (above) showed daughter how to use lipstick. Kids snacking at party included Donald Partridge, Cindy Perry, Irene Evers and Roger Eddy (below).



BOYS WILL BE BOYS even at Christmas parties, to wit Roger Eddy and Dick Heiland.



CARMEL TODDLERS' PARTY



SONGS AND COOKIES marked the Christmas program of the Carmel Parents' Nursery School. Above, Clara Coniglio, Terry Head and Ralph Forbes wait for their snack. Below, Terral McBride and her brother eat candy and drink juice. Bottom, Suzy Vial takes good look at accordion that accompanied singing.



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PICKING CARDS was no easy matter for Mrs. Laszlo Toldi of Carmel who had daughter, Cathryn, with her on shopping trip.



VISITOR from Missouri, Mrs. Lloyd R. Koenig, bought records in Carmel to send friends for Christmas.



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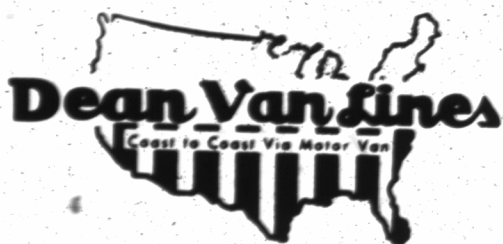
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and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains
for a long winter nap;

When out on the lawn
there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed
to see what was the matter.

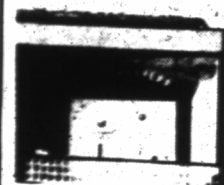
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came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur
from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished
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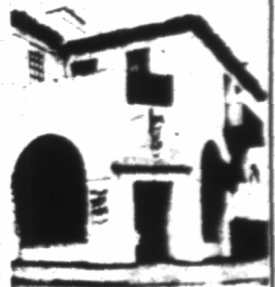
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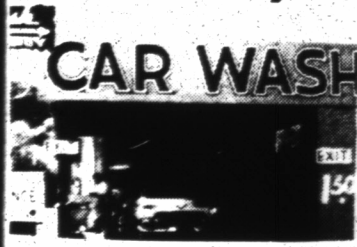
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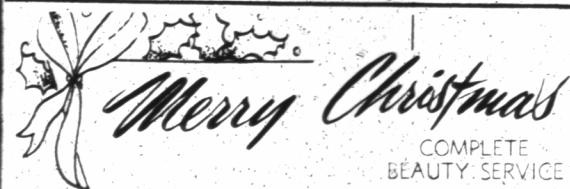
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great, large pointed ears. For such a little man he had a deeeeeeep voice and when he laughed it made the nuts fall off the trees and the birds hold their ears, if the birds have ears.

Bloop lived in a tidy two-room redwood tree that had a little front door painted red and little windows with little curtains and little chairs and a little table and very little beds. He lived with his wife and their little boy named Blemp.

Blemp had lots of things to play with, out there in the big forest, but he did not have such toys as little red wagons and trucks and trains. In fact, he had never seen them. For you see, the little people who lived in the Redwood Forest do not have stores, and they do not go to town to shop because big people wouldn't believe in little people even if they saw them.

One day, while Bloop was out helping the gray squirrels gather nuts, little Blemp was playing with a cotton tail rabbit down past the big rock near the burned stump past the fallen log on the other side of the creek near the place where the raccoon family lived. While he was playing hide

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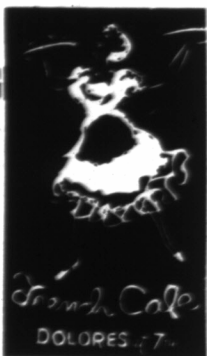
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and seek, Bleemp found a piece of paper with a picture on it. It was the first picture he had ever seen, and he sat for a long time and looked at it. He looked and he looked. He said ooooo! And then he said Ahhhhh! And he said it over again fourteen times.

His wife was so surprised that she dropped a cup and saucer, because the little people never go to town and big people never see them and the big people wouldn't believe it if they did see them and that is why they never go to town.

Anyway, Bloomp had made up his mind, so he said goodbye to his wife, took the shortcut over the ridge and before you could say razzle-dazzle, he was walking through the front door of a big department store.

Before he was two steps inside the door a big man in a blue suit with a white flower in his button-hole stopped him. "Why aren't you working?" said the man.

Bloomp looked up at the big, big man and he was frightened. "I don't work here," said Bloomp. "I'm just looking for a red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around."

"Nonsense, nonsense," said the man. "Of course you work here. I ought to know. I'm third assistant manager. Good heavens, man, time is money. You're one of Santa's helpers. Why aren't you working?"

"Oh, no," said Bloomp. "You're thinking of Grandfather. He was one of Santa's helpers. I'm just...." And the big man cut him off.

"Follow me!" he said in a stern voice. Bloomp followed the third assistant manager through the store, up one floor, down a long hall and they entered through a door which was labeled "Second Assistant Manager."

The second assistant manager had a red face and gray hair. He was bigger and he wore a brown suit with a red flower in the button-hole. "Why aren't you working?" said the second assistant manager.

"Oh," laughed Bloomp, "I don't work here. Grandfather worked here, but I'm just looking for a red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around."

"Nonsense, nonsense," said the second assistant manager. "Of course you work here. Look at you, the way you're dressed. Not at all like us. If you don't work here you're not real. Of course, of course. You're one of Santa's helpers. Follow me!"

Bloomp followed the second assistant manager and the third assistant manager down a long corridor, around two corners and up three steps where they entered through a door marked "Assistant Manager".

The assistant manager was bigger and redder and fatter than the others. And his hair was white. He wore a checkered suit with a yellow flower in the button-hole.

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Christmas Tale

know, I know," he said. "I can't be bothered. Follow me!"

They all followed. Down a long, long corridor, around five corners, up six steps and through a door labeled with gold letters, "MANAGER".

The manager was a little man with a bald-head. He wore a black suit with no flower in the button-hole. "Why aren't you working?" he asked.

"I don't work here. Please, all I want is a red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around."

"I've never heard such nonsense," said the manager.

"Never!" said the assistant manager.

"Never in my life!" said the second assistant manager.

"Hardly ever!" said the third assistant manager.

"You're fired!" roared the manager.

"But don't you see," said Bloomp. "I don't work here. I just...."

"Out!" said the manager and all the assistant managers.

Bloomp lowered his head and walked out. So, maybe he wasn't real. He pinched his arm. He pinched again, hard. "I feel real," he said. He went down the steps, along the corridors, around the corners and down more steps to the next floor.

"Bloomp!" shouted a loud voice. "Hello there, Bloomp!"

Bloomp turned to see who knew his name and he saw a fat jolly man with long white whiskers who wore a red suit and a red hat.

"Hello, Santa Claus," said Bloomp.

"What are you doing here?" asked Santa Claus in his kindly voice.

"I was looking for a red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around," said Bloomp sadly. "But a lot of big men told me if I didn't work for you I wasn't real."

"Ho, ho, ho," said Santa Claus. "Of course, you're real, Bloomp. And you shall have your red wagon. But first, I'd like you to do me a favor. I need a helper for the final rush on Christmas Eve and I'd like you to take your grandfather's place."

Of course Bloomp couldn't refuse and it was he who hitched Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer to Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve. And by the way, Santa delivered the red wagon with the white wheels and the black tires and the white stripe all around and to this day Bloomp uses it to carry firewood and nuts and berries to his little house in the redwood tree.

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By HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN



IT was late on a bitterly cold New Year's Eve. The snow was falling. A poor little girl was wandering in the dark cold streets; she was bareheaded and barefoot. She had of course had slippers on when she left home, but they were not much good, for they were so huge. They had last been worn by her mother, and they fell off the poor little girl's feet when she was running across the street to avoid two carriages that were rolling rapidly by. One of the shoes could not be found at all, and the other was picked up by a boy who ran off with it, saying that it would do for a cradle when he had children of his own.

So the poor little girl had to walk on with her little bare feet, which were red and blue with the cold. She carried a quantity of matches in her old apron, and held a packet of them in her hand. Nobody had bought any of her during all the long day, and nobody had even given her a copper. The poor little creature was hungry and perishing with cold, and she looked the picture of misery.

The snowflakes fell on her long yellow hair, which curled so prettily round her face, but she paid no attention to that. Lights were shining from every window, and there was a most delicious odor of roast goose in the streets, for it was New Year's Eve. She could not forget that! She found a corner where one house projected a little beyond the next one, and here she crouched, drawing up her feet under her, but she was colder than ever. She did not dare to go home, for she had not sold any matches and had not earned a single penny. Her father would beat her, and besides it was almost as cold at home as it was here. They had only the roof over them, and the wind whistled through it although they stuffed up the biggest cracks with rags and straw.

Her little hands were almost stiff with cold. Oh, one little match would do some good! If she only dared, she would pull one out of the packet and strike it on the wall to warm her fingers. She pulled out one. *R-r-sh-sh!* How it sputtered and blazed! It burnt with a bright clear flame, just like a little candle, when she held her hand round it. Now the light seemed very strange to her! The little girl fancied that she was sitting in front of a big stove with polished brass feet and handles. There was a splendid fire blazing in it and warming her so beautifully, but—what happened? Just as she was stretching out her feet to warm them, the flame went out, the stove vanished—and she was left sitting with the end of the burnt match in her hand.

She struck a new one. It burnt, it blazed up, and where the light fell upon the wall, it became transparent like gauze, and she could see right through it into the room. The table was spread with a snowy cloth and pretty china. A roast goose stuffed with apples and prunes was steaming on it. And what was even better, the goose hopped from

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The Little Match Girl

the dish with the carving knife sticking in his back and waddled across the floor. It came right up to the poor child, and then—the match went out, and there was nothing to be seen but the thick black wall.

She lit another match. This time she was sitting under a lovely Christmas tree. It was much bigger and more beautifully decorated than the one she had seen when she peeped through the glass doors at the rich merchant's house this very Christmas. Thousands of lighted candles gleamed under its branches. And many colored pictures, such as she had seen in the shop windows, looked down at her. The little girl stretched out both her hands towards them—then out went the match. All the Christmas candles rose higher and higher, till she saw that they were only the twinkling stars. One of them fell and made a bright streak of light across the sky.

"Someone is dying," thought the little girl, for her old grandmother, the only person who had ever been kind to her, used to say, "When a star falls, a soul is going up to God."

Now she struck another match against the wall, and this time it was her grandmother who appeared in the circle of flame. She saw her quite clearly and distinctly, looking so gentle and happy.

"Grandmother!" cried the little creature. "Oh, do take me with you. I know you will vanish when the match goes out. You will vanish like the warm stove, the delicious goose, and the beautiful Christmas tree!"

She hastily struck a whole bundle of matches, because she did so long to keep her grandmother with her. The light of the matches made it as bright as day. Grandmother had never before looked so big or so beautiful. She lifted the little girl up in her arms, and they soared in a halo of light and joy, far, far above the earth, where there was no more cold, no hunger, and no pain—for they were with God.

In the cold morning light the poor little girl sat there, in the corner between the houses, with rosy cheeks and a smile on her face—dead. Frozen to death on the last night of the old year. New Year's Day broke on the little body still sitting with the ends of the burnt-out matches in her hand.

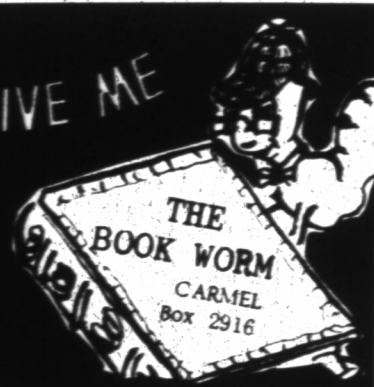
"She must have tried to warm herself," they said. Nobody knew what beautiful visions she had seen, nor in what a halo she had entered with her grandmother upon the glories of the New Year.

--THE END--

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ENGAGEMENT of Adrienne Kay Knoles of Pacific Grove to Denny Royce Olivier of Bellingham, Washington, was announced recently by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Knoles. Miss Knoles, granddaughter of Clarence E. Holman, met Denny at the University of Washington where both are students. She is a graduate of Pacific Grove High School. -- Photo by Beauford B. Fisher

BOTTLE CRY

A girl, Christine, born to Mr. and Mrs. Takigawa of 573 Anthony St., Monterey, on Dec. 12.

Twin boys, born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Murray of 28 Sierra Vista, Monterey, on Dec. 13.

A boy, Marvin Leon, born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cartwright of 144-7th St., Pacific Grove, on Nov. 28.

A girl, Cindy Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Surton of 1620 Highland St., Seaside, on Nov. 29.

A boy, Dennis Busby, born to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Busby of 809 Lowell Pl., Seaside, on Nov. 29.

NEW BOOKING AGENT FOR GOLDEN BOUGH

(cont'd from C-4)
pictures will be the new Italian comedy, "Bread, Love and Dreams," with Gina Lollobrigida and Vittorio de Sica in starring roles. Opening day at the Golden Bough Playhouse has been announced as Thursday, December 30.

A girl, Rebecca Jane, born to Mr. and Mrs. Angel Turina of 410 - 9th St., Pacific Grove on Nov. 29.

A boy, Warren Gale, born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Watkins of 1299 - 8th St., Monterey, on Nov. 30.

A girl, Christina Gloria, born to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Bautista Mares of 1147 Maple, Seaside, on Dec. 1.

A girl, Vickie Ilene, born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth LeRoy Hicks of 1221 Lawton, Pacific Grove, on Dec. 1.

A girl, Susan Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Littlefield of 860 Balboa St., Pacific Grove, Dec. 1.

A girl, Terry Jean, born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Smith of 1110 Kenneth, Seaside, on Dec. 2.

A boy, Patrick Stephen, born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adron Bates of Marina, on Dec. 3.

A boy, Joey Wayne, born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Veach, Jr., of Seaside, on Dec. 4.

SERVICE CHATTER

NAVY
by Jan Phillips



NAVY WIFE HARRIET HOWE was on the election board for her neighborhood in Monte Vista and, therefore, could claim no party of her own.

THIRD YEAR ELECTRONICS met last week for a picnic at the Monterey Fair Grounds. It was food, dogs, children, and a fast game of volley ball. Hosts were Ben Bendel, Buck Williams and Bill Bacon.

THEA KEMP had the Sect AA Wives over for Coffee last week to meet her charming mother, Mrs. Suman.

MRS. FRED H. BAUGHMAN of P. G. had a shower for pretty mother-to-be Mary Kay McCord with co-hostess Mrs. Corwin Olds. The gals brought a variety of gifts for the newest McCord who will join John, 4, and Thomas, 1 and a half.

AEROLOGY WIVES are looking ahead to their coming luncheon to be held January 13 at Cademartori's.

LT. CMDR. AND MRS. JAMES COX of Pacific Grove had as their guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Garrett of Long Beach, formerly of Annapolis, Md.

MAVIS and MAC MACDONALD had an Open House Monday night to show off their Del Rey Oaks home to fellow members of first year N section and their wives.

C-3 WIVES HAD DINNER out last week at the Fish and Steak House with Mrs. Wm. Corson, Mrs. Alfred Harmon and Mrs. Robert Morgan in charge.

SECT. A2a, A2b and AE2 gals all got together for bridge and canasta last week in the Lounge. Hostesses were Pat Smith, Sue Yates, Sis Sellman and Judy Short.

(Contd. on F-2)

A girl, Janice Marlene, born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Harrell of 246 Littleless St., Monterey, on Dec. 10.

(Contd. on G-1)

Shopping Banter

BY SUZY

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LAST THREE DAYS OF THE WINTER FESTIVAL! Tonite, the Italian "Strange Deception" and the lilting musical, "Voice in Your Heart". Tues. thru Thurs. "Ma Pomme" with Maurice Chevalier, and Fernandel in "The Cupboard is Bare". Starting Christmas Day, a wonderful picture for youngsters to 90, J. Arthur Rank's "The Little Kidnappers" plus "The White Mane". Special matinees Sun. & Wed. at 2:15. All at the HILL THEATER on Soledad just off the Carmel Hiway. Phone 2-9545. Ahead (31st on) there's "Hansel and Gretel". Matinees for this at 1:30

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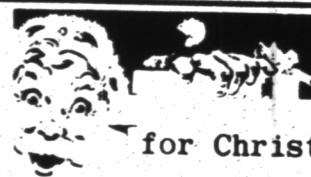


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THERE'S EXTRA GOOD NEWS for the feminine contingent. Gracious Mrs. Dean of Carmel's important little CINDERELLA SHOP has just marked down a large group of holiday clothes, most of them 1/3 off. Short formals and informals that used to be from \$35 to \$125. There's a good selection in sizes from 10 to 20 but, of course, not every style in every size. This is the ideal spot to use that Christmas check because these are really good buys and, anyway, this is THE time of year to indulge yourself in something new, pretty and becoming.... always found here but hardly ever so low-priced.



NEWS, AND WHAT NEWS, comes to me now from Carmel's modern GOLDEN BOUGH PLAYHOUSE. Starting Dec. 30th, the comfortable theater on Monte Verde near 8th, will start playing the cream of European films. To prove it, listen to this first feature, "Bread, Love and Dreams", a comedy that has the critics cheering wherever it's played and which stars luscious Gina Lollobrigida and handsome Vittorio de Sica. Mark your calendar now so that you can be among the first to see this muchly acclaimed picture and to welcome the Golden Bough back to its regular place in our entertainment world.



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Mary McCue first met John McCue in a maternity hospital in Michigan. Now Mary and John--he's a Captain in the Department of Preventive Medicine at Fort Ord--have four children, all girls, ranging in ages from 6 to 3 months.

But to get back to their meeting. When John, a young interne from the University of Michigan, saw the small, dark-eyed, soft-spoken little student nurse, his heart must have done a couple of flip-flops. They were married in 1947.

John finished his medical training, and Mary worked for a few months as a nurse in the University Hospital. John attended Public Health School at Ann Arbor, then the McCues came to Stockton where John was with the Public Health Service until his entrance into the Army 1-1/2 years ago. After five weeks he was sent right to Fort Ord and the McCues were amazed and happy to be stationed so close to home.

John will be out of the Army next July, when he intends to take a residency in internal medicine at Fort Miley Hospital, a veterans' hospital, in San Francisco.

Although she has given up nursing, Mary has seen a lot of hospital life in the past six years, taking what she calls her "annual vacation" each time the girls were born. Her last experience, at Fort Ord, she recalls, was not much of a rest, since with the shortage of nurses, patients, if they were able, had to wait on themselves, and maternity patients, Mary says, are always

able. Mary feels that being a nurse is some advantage to a doctor's wife, as the wife has a vague idea of what's going on in her husband's life.

The McCue girls, Mary Anne, 6, Kathie, 4-1/2, Patty, 3, and Judy, 3 months, are a testimonial to a doctor's family. They are healthy, wholesome little girls. Mary feels that the first year of a baby's life ties a mother down a great deal, but after that, taking care of children is a breeze. She feels that the fourth child is the best adjusted of them all, being constantly with other children. Little Judy certainly doesn't suffer from a lack of attention with her three older sisters ready to play with her or help her out of difficulties.



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CHRIS HAHNFELD and Edwina Lee hosted a joint farewell party for some folks on their "alley" in La Mesa. It was in honor of Major and Mrs. John Simmons who are leaving for Panama and Major and Mrs. Chris Heit who have been transferred to Denmark. It was BYOB with a super buffet at the Hahnfelds last Saturday nite.

DR. MATT BRADLEY is leaving Navy and heading for the wide open spaces of civilian life.

LT. AND MRS. C. L. HAVERLY of Sect. A-3 have as their guest, her mother, Mrs. C. L. Dilley of Los Angeles.

Last Thursday, Mrs. Kit Clausen was hostess to the wives of Sect. B-5 for their semi-monthly bridge.

LT. STANLEY BALMFORTH had a birthday last week and he and his pretty wife asked some of their Del Rey Oaks neighbors in to help celebrate. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dieges of Alhambra drove-up to help them party.

SECT. MA had their monthly bridge in the lounge last week with Mrs. David Hurt acting as hostess. Special guests were Mrs. C. C. Brooks, Mrs. Richard Goodspeed and Mrs. Charles Erb.

BETTY COUNTS who planned our wonderful Harlequin Ball had a "coffee" in honor of gals who helped her in the organizing and doing the actual work on the ball.

ENGINEERING WIVES Prexy Ann Bryan left last week for her family's home in Scranton, Pa. She traveled with Will Jr., who was two last week. Bill will join

them next week and they will spend the holidays there and fly home the first of the year.

TOY TOWN has turned all Navy with Mesdames Helen Mixon, Ruth Molzan, Dee Wallace and Yours Truly all there, helping old St. Nick.

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NEWLY appointed Cmdr. Arnold Medbury and Mrs. Medbury of the Del Monte Fairways will be hosts to a host of friends for eggnog party over the holidays.

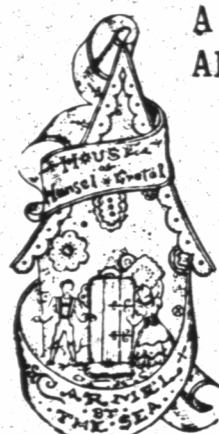
ANNE AND JOHN LINSEY along with Jean and Jeff Metzler invited friends to a punch party at the Linsey's last Monday night.

C-4 HAD A BRIDGE last week in the Lounge at the School with Mrs. Robert Baker and Mrs. Claude Brooks as hostesses.

HOLMAN'S RANCH will be the location of both Section A-2 and N (second year) parties next week.



GIFT EXCHANGES and office parties were the vogue this week. Here Linda, daughter of Mrs. Sharon Proietto, a telephone operator, is getting a gift at the Pacific Telephone Monterey office. Santa is Lou Maracci, chief switchman. Steve Crouch photo



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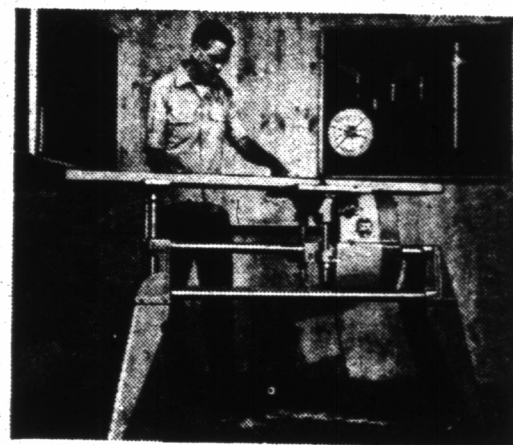
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WHARF REVIEW

(Cont'd from C-4)

which closed prematurely at the Wharf this weekend. Audiences have laughed at "Charley's Aunt" for about sixty years now, and are probably a little tired of the play's shopworn jokes.

A college student dresses up as Charley's Aunt to "chaperon" a luncheon given two young ladies by a couple of pals. Said wolf in aunty's clothing is then pursued by a pair of elderly suitors who want to marry Charley's Aunt for her money. More complications when the real Charley's Aunt shows up and it turns out that her impersonator is in love with her and vice versa.

It must be said in all fairness some of the Wharf Players did relatively well with the antiquated material at their disposal, and that there were times, indeed, when thanks to a few members of its cast, the feeble farce developed a sudden and surprising sparkle.

Ben Small was slightly terrific as "Charley's Aunt". Director Tom Brock stole several scenes as one of the elderly suitors, a leering gent named Spettigue, Carmelita Benson was regally charming as the true Charley's Aunt--unfortunately again her lines were not as good as her delivery of them.

In addition to their choice of "Charley's Aunt", the Wharfers handicapped themselves with their choice of its musical version: most players could neither sing well nor dance well. Anyway, the dances were unimaginative and dull, the songs easily forgotten. Bobbe Sherman, the dancing ingenue, was whistle bait but not much else. Several others weren't much of anything.

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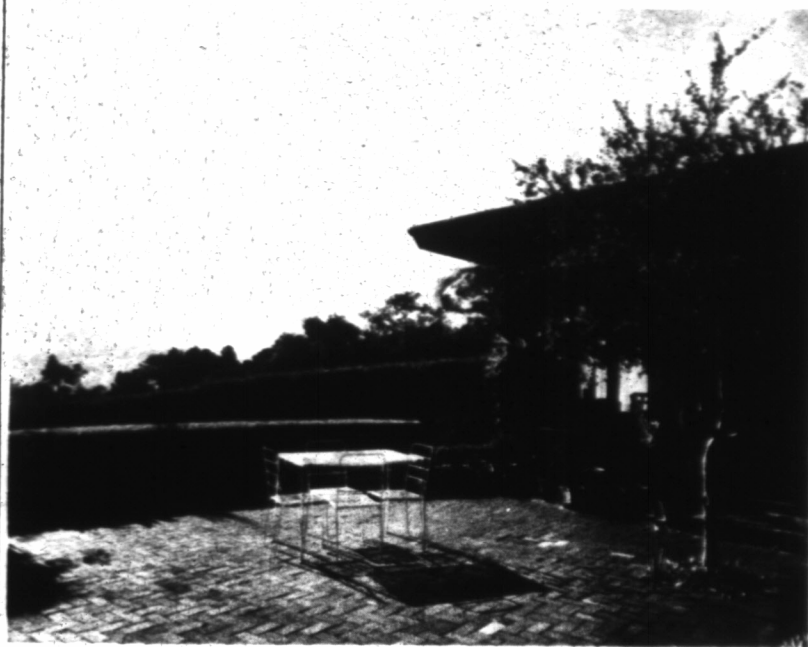
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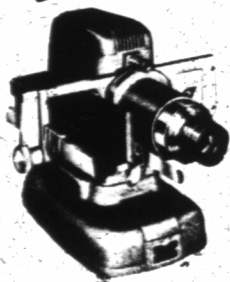
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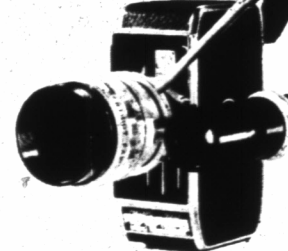
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BOTTLE CRY

(Contd.)

A girl, Brenda, born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradshaw of 775 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, on Dec. 6.

A boy, Edward Roderick II, born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Brooks of 815 Hamilton St., Seaside, on Dec. 8.

A boy, Stephen Clark, born to Lt. and Mrs. Gael C. Himmah, of 166 Robles Del Rio, Carmel Valley, on Dec. 8.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Figueroa of 365 Spruce St., Pacific Grove on Dec. 9.

A boy, John Franklin Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of 610 Hamilton St., Seaside, on Dec. 9.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Miller of 1129 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, on Dec. 10.

A girl, Kim, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker of Carmel Valley on Dec. 10.

A boy, Johnnie Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Welch of 827 Pacific Ave., Seaside, on Dec. 10.

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Mrs. McCarthy is in constant demand to speak before women's clubs, radio and television. Radio she likes, but she isn't so sure about television. On a recent

show, a knife with which she was cutting bread was very dull. "I just kept cutting and cutting, and the loaf got squishier and squishier!"

She likes being busy, and feels that "older women should get out and do things." Mrs. McCarthy, who is over 60, is one of those women with a smooth, unlined complexion. She credits the Carmel weather, or maybe just "doing things."

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A girl, Janice Kay, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowmon Whittenburg of Monterey, on Dec. 11.

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A boy, Kenneth Wayne, born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seals of 1301 Pine St., Seaside, on Dec. 11.

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A TRIP TO DALLAS

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raised in Kansas City.

He bellowed out, "Abe! Josiah!" and two of the big, mean-looking ones shuffled forward. They were in their late teens or early twenties, with thick fuzz over their jaws and chins, wearing raggedy overalls, barefooted, and their big, rocky-shaped hands hung right close to their knees. They both had black hair that looked like the manes of bull buffalo. The Choctaw, or whatever, showed plain in their faces and eyes, but they had the bear-build of their father.

"I want you takin' these younguns to Dallas. They ain't been off the farm much."

The old man didn't talk a lot, but what he said, he meant. A couple of weeks later when he got his first check he brought Abe and Josiah over to the garage.

"Here's some money. Show 'em a good time, hah?"

The "some money" he was holding out toward me was a comfortable sheaf of hundred dollar bills. When I counted them later there were fifty.

I remember standing there in the mid-August heat, with my rayon shirt sticking to my back and shoulders, looking up at the eyes above the whiskers, and past Grottsrosser's ham-thick arms toward his two boys. What I was thinking about was the four Auburn roadsters the old man said he would buy when I brought Abe and Josiah back from the city.

Then I looked at the two gangling giants and wondered about getting into some other line of work. But the sheaf of money looked too cool and green against the dusty sunshine for me not to reach for it.

There was a big, moon-shaped red cave in the whiskers that I recognized as a smile on Grottsrosser's face.

"Good time, yah!" he said.

"Yah!" I agreed and took the money.

The old man moved through the boom-town crowd back toward his mud-covered Auburn. A couple of the fenders were hanging loose by now, and I noticed that the body tilted some, as if there was a broken spring.

"You're a kind of puny runt," Abe said to me.

Any way I figured, I knew I was in for a time. The boys looked ignorant, hot-headed, and very, very strong.

I told the boss what the deal was, took the boys to a barber shop around the corner, and went to my room at Mrs. Pettigrew's to pack my bag.

When I got back to the barber shop I found there'd been quite a bit of trouble. Sam, the head

barber, was used to rig crews and cowboys in from the Canadian River country, so he'd soft-talked Abe and Josiah through hair-shearing, and shaves, and shampoos with some special delousing soap he always kept handy. The bad time started when Marge, the manicurist, came back from lunch.

Marge had come in with the oil-boom, because Amarillo had not been much of a place for manicures except at the Stockmen's barber shop before that. She knew that a kind of inviting look was good for her business, and she wore a shiny white outfit with a real short skirt, and limit low in front. Marge was built loose and soft, a big-legged girl.

Abe was the older and bigger of the two boys, but Josiah saw Marge first. Sam's brother, Pete, was taking care of Josiah, and he'd just finished rinsing out the delousing soap when Marge came fluffing in, all perfume, pink skin, and perspiration. Josiah rose right up from the chair by the wash basin, pushed Pete out of his way, and started to pick Marge up.

The way they told it to me later, Sam and Pete decided to let Marge work her way out of it. She was no delicate girl, having worked at Burkburnett and Mexia when the booms were on, and that gives a manicurist a fair amount of experience.

Maybe if the Grottsrosser boys were the kind that would pay some attention to what a woman said, Marge could have smarted her way out. As it was, it only took a few seconds for her to start yelling bloody murder, kicking her big legs around and waving her arms trying to scratch at the buffalo hide the Grottsrosser boys used for skin.

Abe knew his rights as the biggest and oldest of his tribe--though I guess the main sport at the farm, between chores, had been proving each other out--and he gave Josiah a big swipe across the head. His kind of swipe would have bent a steel plate.

By the time I got there, carrying my bag, the shop was messed up bad. The only thing I could think of doing was going back to Mrs. Pettigrew's and unpacking my bag. The two boys were rassing on the floor, and one of the chairs had already been pulled loose from its bolts. A good-sized crowd was outside watching, and there were a couple of special deputies there, some of the extra men that had to be put on the force when the boom got going. They had their blackjacks out, but they didn't figure on going in until the boys were all wore

quiet. Those special deputies were picked as pretty robust boys, but they had good sense, too.

I was watching and hating to part with those fifty hundred dollar bills when old man Grottsrosser came through the crowd. He went in the busted-up shop, picked Abe and Josiah up by their necks, banged their heads together, and swiped them around

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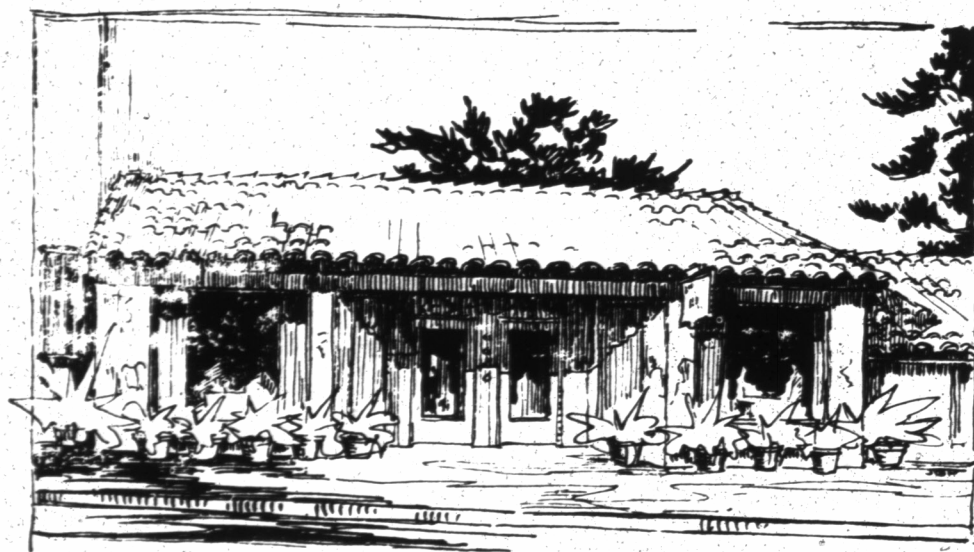
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a few times. After I saw him start, and knew that the boss of the Grottstrosser family was still Mr. Grottstrosser, I began talking to the special deputies and to Sam. Marge had her face to the big window, and she'd been yelling up till when the old man came in. Not from being mad or scared, but happy and excited.

One of the bills satisfied Sam and Pete. Another one made the deputies remember some business down the street. I could see that expenses were going to be high.

The three Grottstrossers came out. Pointing a sausage-thumb at me, the old man said, "This is the boss. What he says, you do. Or I break your heads. Yah?"

Both boys mumbled, "Yah."

"I thought maybe better to come back. They ain't been off the farm much," Grottstrosser said. He took a long look at them, bent his big head over and smelled them, snorting like a seal. Then he laughed, the yellowish whiskers dividing for the big cave behind them, and he walked off, holding his middle from laughing.

An hour later we caught the train for Dallas.

I'd booked three lower berths for us at the depot, and then I'd got the boys some store shoes. They had come into town wearing moccasins that Mrs. Grottstrosser may have made for them, and they were willing enough to get regular shoes--their first pairs. But now, walking toward the train they both were limping; their faces screwed up with pain. I was a little bit anxious to get them bedded down, with their shoes off, before they began to get ill-natured. More ill-natured.

I suppose actually they were just playful boys. They watched the porter make up our berths, giggling and talking to each other, but they figured on undressing in the aisle. After I talked them out of that, they started to walk through the sleeping car, pulling the draperies aside and looking in at the other passengers.

The conductor wouldn't take any money from me, but I gave the porter ten dollars. Through that long night he earned it.

At Dallas I herded Abe and Josiah off the train and tried not to notice how the people looked at me and my two boys. They were still in overalls, wearing moccasins, and carrying their new shoes tied around their necks.

They didn't talk much to me, but they went in for a lot of laughing, and talking to each other, and punching each other to make a point.

By along about eleven o'clock I'd got them into new suits, and they'd put their swollen feet back into the new shoes. I kind of felt

sorry for the boys, because no store-bought suits were ever made

to fit their shapes, unless somebody makes suits for gorillas over six feet tall.

Not sorry enough for them to keep me from telephoning the chief of police in Dallas and mak-

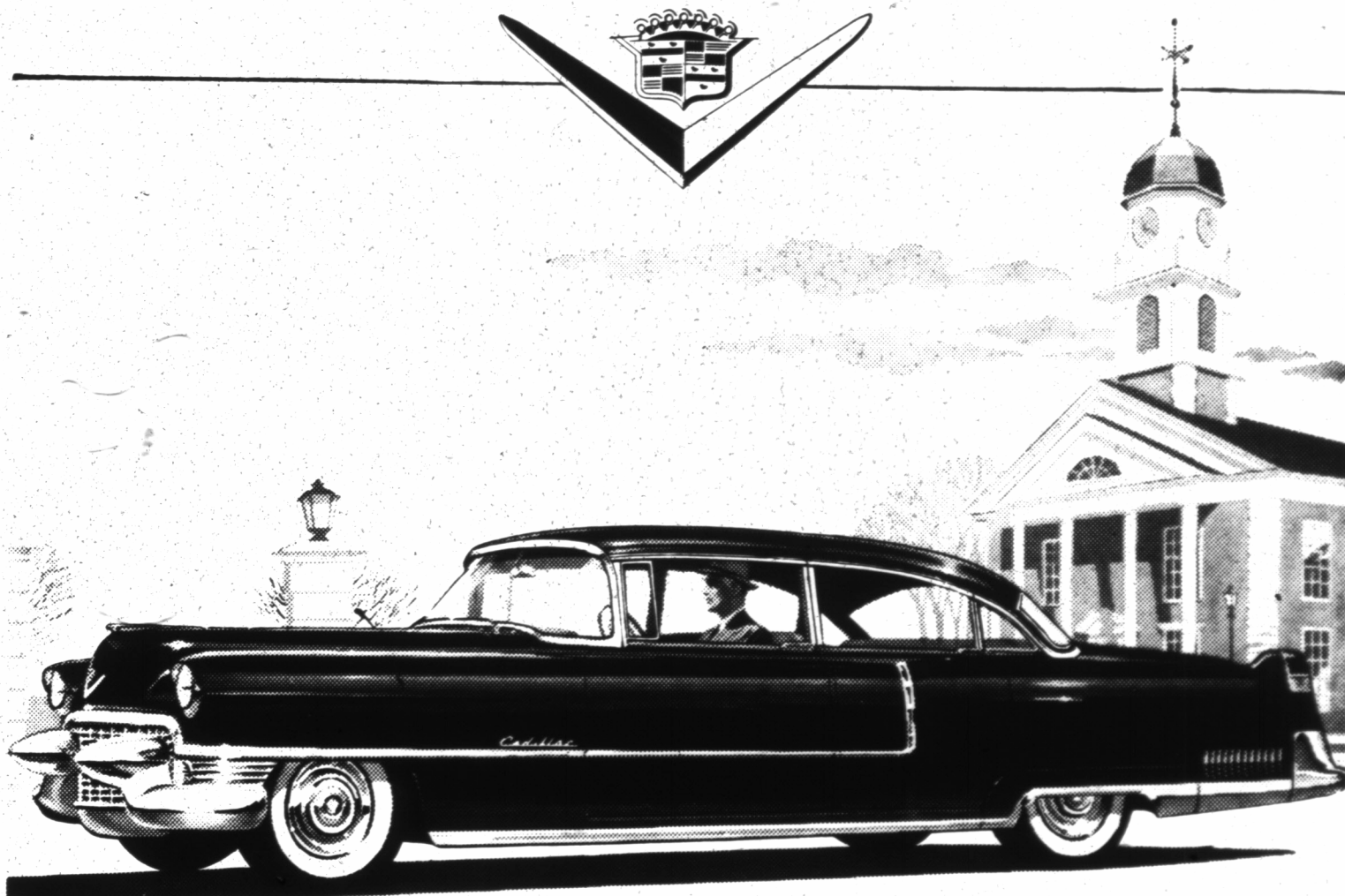
ing a deal to hire two of his biggest and meanest policemen at twenty-five dollars a day apiece to act as bodyguards--not for my boys, for the people of Dallas. I got this idea when I took them

in to feed them at noontime at the Adolphus hotel.

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made me realize something. Abe and Josiah had been to Amarillo a few times since they got their growth, and what they'd seen mostly, I guess, was the rough section where the rigging crews had their fun. As far as the boys knew, this was the way city folks acted.

The gentleman put up quite a fuss. I got to Abe and managed to quiet him down a little, but I didn't have any confidence in doing it for the next couple of weeks. So I called the chief while the boys were eating.

I recognized the two officers as soon as they walked into the place. They recognized us just as easy. I talked to them a bit, explaining what the job was. They

didn't look worried much--the biggest and meanest officers on a Texas police force in those days were likely to be just that--big and mean.

"Abe," I said,

"Yah?" he said through the piece of pie he was eating.

"Got me a couple deputy sheriffs to stay with us. They figure on keepin' you boys in line."

If I'd told the boys these were policemen it wouldn't have meant much, but up in Potter county, during the oil boom especially, deputy sheriffs had earned a fair amount of respect.

Abe and Josiah looked at the two officers and the two officers looked at Abe and Josiah. I edged back a ways.

"Hah," Abe went back to his pie. I felt a lot easier.

And then I felt a lot worse, because Amy Custis Williams and her sister walked into the dining room of the Adolphus.

"Why, honey, there's that li'l ol' Mistuh Jimmy Harris from Kansas City!" Amy Custis Williams shrieked in a sweet, finishing-school trill. Amaryllis Custis Williams trilled something back and they both headed toward the table where I sat with Abe, Josiah, and the two meanest cops on the Dallas force.

These were maybe the only two girls I knew in Dallas and they had gone to school with my sister in Kansas City. I wanted to wave them off, or do something to stop them from coming over, but instead I gave them a smile which must have looked mighty poorly and stood up

Abe and Josiah turned their heads and saw what might well have been the two prettiest girls in Dallas. Also from maybe the best family in the good end of town, and also maybe the two girls whose family had raised them to lean heavy towards fancy manners and little-finger politeness.

But girls, I guess, are all made out of the same general kind of materials, and it's in the nature of girls to pay special notice to two young men, both dark and sort of interesting-looking, with muscles that are busting the seams of the two best suits Neimann-Marcus had.

"Hello, Jimmy Harris, and what are you fixin' to do here in Dallas?" asked Amy, her eyes big on Abe. Which made me feel low and dispirited, for reasons almost anybody could figure out.

Not that we ever had any dates or anything up in Kansas City when she was going to school with

my sister. But I'd thought about asking her for a date, plenty.

And now here she was, with her sister Amaryllis, and the two of them looking like flowers, even in the August Dallas heat. White hats that fitted over their heads like straw helmets, pretty dresses reaching down to their knees, and their stockings rolled neat and trim, just below the skirts.

Abe and Josiah took good, big, open-mouth looks at Amy and Amaryllis and just as Josiah reached a paw out one of the cops laid his arm hard and heavy on Josiah's wrist.

"We're just so plain sugar glad to see you, Jimmy Harris," said Amy in a voice that sounded a little bit as if she were singing. "And you haven't introduced us to these boys here--"

"Amy and Amaryllis Williams, may I present Abe and Josiah" (Contd. on H-1)

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A TRIP TO DALLAS

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Grottstrosser," I said. "They're from Amarillo."

"Josie wrote us you were selling cars in Amarillo. She said you were doing just splendidous," said Amy, looking at the two policemen with wide-lashed curiosity.

"Come on, gals," said Abe. "We're goin' to have a big time, and you just hitch on."

"Why sure," said Amy and Amaryllis at about the same time.

The two cops looked at me, and I gave them a worried-but-what-can-I-do? look back. They shuffled out of their chairs to the next table, and the two girls took their places.

"Have some steak," said Abe, pushing his plate in front of Amy. "It's my third and I'm near plumb stuffed to my gullet."

"Yeah," said Josiah. "Let's get a jug and go out back some place an' get drunk."

Amy giggled. "You college boys are always funnin'. Where are you all from, what school I mean?"

"They aren't exactly at school, Amy," I said. "Abe and Josiah have sort of private tutors--those two gentlemen back there."

"I was wondering 'bout those gentlemen," said Amaryllis, edging closer to Josiah. "But I was sure that you boys were football

men, Southern Methodist or A & M.--"

Abe and Josiah were laughing and slapping their legs. "Effen he ain't a bear-squeezer!--call in' them depitty sheriffs tooters. Let's hear you toot, tooters!"

The two cops just stared at the boys, cold and patient. Their hands were resting easy, right close to their hip-pockets and their blackjacks.

"We-uns are rich," Josiah said to Amaryllis. "Paw done struck oil."

"Grottstrosser... Grottstrosser..." Amaryllis murmured and then her eyebrows went way up and you could see her shifting gears from her Dutch-bob to her toes.

"Why our Daddy was readin' in the Dallas News about that splendiferous Grottstrosser oil well. He said it was the biggest strike the Panhandle ever had. Is that you-all?"

"Sho' is."

The Williams girls realized they simply didn't have anything important to do, and we later moved through downtown Dallas like a parade, with people's heads swivelling around as we went by. Two extra pretty girls, with "lady" written all over them, two big oafs busting out of brand new suits and both of them limping, two cold-eyed men, and a medium-built, worried-looking young fellow. (Cont'd on H-4)



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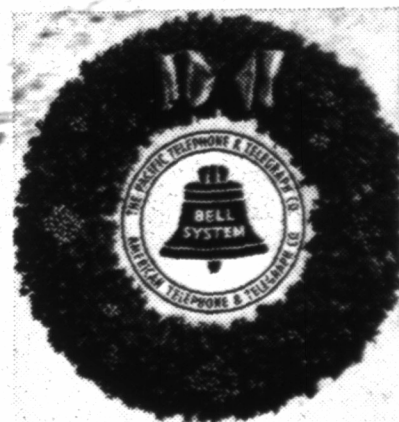


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THE RAMAYANA by Aubrey Menen. A very loose and personal translation of an ancient Hindu tale by one of the great modern mas-



John F. Allen, one of the top writers on the San Francisco Examiner staff, is a former West Coast editor of Time Magazine. He reviews books exclusively for this publication.

ters of clever satire. This I found one of the most amusing and perceptive books of the year.

THE WORKS OF OSCAR WILDE edited by G. F. Maine. A sound collection of the best works of an earlier satirist, issued to mark the centennial of his birth. I was happy to be reminded how entertaining a writer Wilde can be.

IDEAS AND OPINIONS by Albert Einstein. This is a volume of excerpts from the writings of the man who is not only one of the greatest of living scientists, but is, in many respects, the conscience of the world. In these pages, to be read and reread, is evidence of a man who combines a humanitarian sense of the freedom and dignity of man with the precise logic of a mathematician. Einstein is the greatest man of our time and this provides the perfect introduction to his thoughts and theories.

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great American who--I venture to predict--will be the next President of the United States.

SWEET AND SOUR by John O'Hara. Excerpts from a newspaper column conducted by the author of "A Rage to Live", "Appointment in Samara", and other fine novels. I suppose I'm particularly fond of this book because it represents the fulfillment of a dream dreamed by every newspaperman: a column in which he is allowed to write just what he wants about any subject. (I should say here in all fairness that the owners and editors of this publication have always permitted

me complete freedom of expression whether they happened to agree with my thoughts or not.) Anyhow, you'll enjoy O'Hara's free-wheeling comment on a hundred subjects, from the extraordinary amount of time he saves not reading novels about Time Magazine to name-dropping columnists.

THE PASSPORT by Steinberg. Of all the books of cartoons which adorn the book stores in the pre-Christmas weeks, this is far and away the best. Steinberg's style

ranges from the elaborate rococo to the simple line, his end result from hilarity of biting social satire. He's one of our finest contemporary artists, despite his medium, and one of these days I'm going to devote an entire review

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XMAS BOOKS

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to his works.

AN ALMANAC OF LIBERTY by William O. Douglas. This I reviewed in the last issue of The Spectator. It is a magnificent and continuing reminder of America's heritage of liberty, a heritage now under attack by small minded men -- of the sort who will not permit university debating teams to argue that we should recognize Red China (see also the last issue of The Spectator).

THE AGE OF MOUNTAINEERING by James Ramsey Ullman. For the arm-chair mountain climber who has struggled to the top of Everest with Hillary and Tenzing, or to the top of a dozen other soaring peaks with other brave and dedicated men this is an unbeatable gift. It covers, in beautifully written accounts, all the great mountain adventures, from the Alps to the Himalayas and from McKinley to the spine of South America. (To be reviewed here in full shortly.)

A FABLE by William Faulkner. Many have found fault with this strange novel. In retrospect, I still regard it as worthy of its author--which is high praise indeed.

BEYOND THE HUNDREDTH MERIDIAN by Wallace Stegner. The long neglected story of John Wesley Powell, who first explored the Grand Canyon of the Colorado and the wild western land from which it draws its waters, and who first instilled in our Federal Government the notion that geology, ethnology and a score of other sciences are its proper concern. Written by that rarity, a

teacher of English who can write.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN by Carl Sandburg. Most condensations are a deceit, particularly such abortions as stuff the pages of the Reader's Digest and various new volumes with a half dozen books wrapped between one set of covers. This is different. Here the six volumes of Sandburg's earlier biography of Lincoln appear actually to gain by condensation. I read the original six and then this new single fat volume and was never conscious of missing anything. (Of this more in a later issue.)

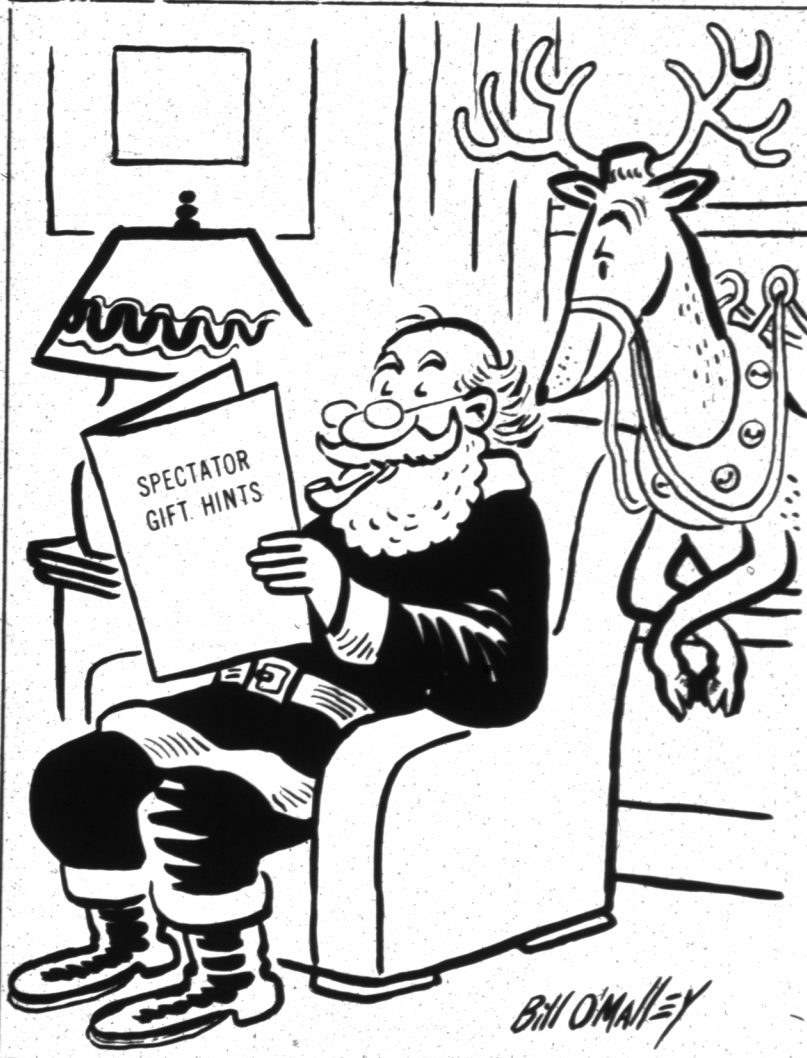
A TIME TO LOVE AND A TIME TO DIE by Erich Maria Remarque.

One of the most achingly tender love stories in my memory, made more so by the contrast of a horrifying backdrop of war and destruction. Remarque finds it impossible to write badly.

SWEET THURSDAY by John Steinbeck. A return to Tortilla Flat, which should be enough recommendation to anyone with half a memory.

THE WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA. If you're in the market for a family encyclopedia for Christmas, I can heartily recommend this set. It is designed for youngsters, but I have consistently found it more valuable than my Britannica for everyday reference. My children have made endless and valued use of it.

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Everytime Josiah said something out of line or crude, Amaryllis acted like he'd said something else, and you could see the boy slowing down a lot, and fixing his collar, and sometimes getting red in the face. He even tried to be polite a couple of times. The trout was on the line.

But Abe didn't have much to do with Amy and Amy didn't have anything to do with him. His face--which looked a lot like the front of a T & P locomotive--was showing restlessness and trouble.

By the time we said good-bye to the girls, and I registered for a big room at the Adolphus--one with five beds--Abe Grottsstrosser was looking poorly.

Josiah was jumping up and down on one of the beds, yelling like his Choctaw granddaddy used to, when I must have turned my head, because when I turned it back Abe was gone. Neither of the two cops had noticed him leave.

We made a still hunt all through the Adolphus without turning a trace. The young fellow, more than six feet high, about two hundred pounds in heft, was missing complete.

"Don't mind about ol' Abe," said Josiah. "He's just out funnin' around. Pleasure-fightin' and drinkin' mostly." Josiah didn't worry at all about Abe and while I was telephoning and fretting I could see Josiah looking in the mirror a lot, and messing around with his hair to make it look better. But he never said a word about Amaryllis. I would have bet good money that the hook was locked in fast, and I wouldn't have lost a dollar.

Abe was long gone, and that was it. There wasn't much point to writing Grottsstrosser. He still

had twelve or fourteen kids left, and a lot of them were more likely than Abe.

Josiah was working on me to buy him a car, so I made an understanding with a dealer in a business way, and then I put out thirty-five of the hundred dollar bills for a big, shiny, long, yellow one with headlight pillars on the running boards and a little trap door under the rumble seat for a golf bag.

That afternoon, with one of the cops driving, Josiah took Amaryllis for a ride. Amy and I went for a walk.

With Amaryllis I honestly believe it was only half the Grottsstrosser oil wells. I think the other half was seeing something in that big, curly-headed oaf of a Josiah that nobody else could see.

They were waiting for us in the lobby of the Adolphus about four that evening, and both of them were all excited.

Amaryllis was chattering to Amy something about "a big, fancy church wedding--" and Josiah was pestering me for money to buy a ring.

All that was a long time ago, and things happened that way in Texas in those days. Maybe they still do, but you won't find many wild families like the Grottsstrossers anymore. Hard roads, movies, television, radio and magazines have changed folks a lot.

It was a week before we found Abe. He'd been thinking about Marge the manicurist that whole day in Dallas, and finally all that pink skin and perfume drew him right back to Amarillo like a magnet. She was the first Mrs. Abraham Grottsstrosser--there've been quite a few since--and she lives in Pasadena now.

The Josiah Grottsstrossers have their place near Carmel. If ever a wild boy got gentled down, and broke to a saddle good, it was Josiah. Amaryllis is in fancy society, and Josiah shoots in the 70's at Cypress Point.

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